

TEXAS SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FLOODING AND EVACUATIONS

SENATOR MARIO GALLEGOS, JR.
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AGENDA

Hearing on Interim Charges 2 & 4
Melcher Room, Alumni Athletic Building, University of Houston
Houston, Texas
Tuesday, August 24, 2010
10:00 A.M.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ROLL CALL**
- III. **OPENING REMARKS**
- IV. **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- V. **INVITED TESTIMONY**

Senate Interim Charge 2:

Study and make recommendations on methods of emergency notification (ENS) during a natural disaster. Look into alternative systems and new technologies for rerouting 911-type calls to become more efficient and effective. Study and make recommendations to streamline the process of informing citizens impacted by an emergency or disaster (EAS) prior to the event about re-entry and aid.

9-1-1 & Emergency Notification Services (ENS)

Panel 1:

- A. **PAUL MALLETT**, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMISSION ON STATE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
- B. **NIM KIDD**, CHIEF, TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Panel 2:

- A. **LAVERGNE SCHWENDER**, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GREATER HARRIS COUNTY 9-1-1 EMERGENCY NETWORK
- B. **STAN HEFFERNAN**, CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER, GREATER HARRIS COUNTY 9-1-1 EMERGENCY NETWORK
- C. **JACK WILKINS**, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GALVESTON COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DISTRICT
- D. **PETE DE LA CRUZ**, DIRECTOR OF 9-1-1 EMERGENCY NETWORK, SOUTHEAST TEXAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Emergency Alert System (EAS)

- A. **ANNE ARNOLD**, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS
- B. **NIM KIDD**, CHIEF, TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Senate Interim Charge 4:

Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Subcommittee on Flooding & Evacuations, 81st Legislature, Regular and Called Sessions, and make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, and/or complete implementation.

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- A. **CHARLES GARIBAY**, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ASSOCIATION OF WATER BOARD DIRECTORS
- B. **JOE B. ALLEN**, ALLEN BOONE HUMPHRIES ROBINSON LLP
- C. **LINDA BROOKINS**, DIRECTOR OF THE WATER SUPPLY DIVISION, TEXAS COMMISSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

VI. **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

VII. **RECESS**